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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Wednesd y, the 10th November 1965.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Grade I Hindi Pandits

*161. Q.—SRI M. RAJAH IYER: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to restrict the appointment of Grade I Hindi Pandits in Secondary Schools; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

SRI M. RAJAH IYER: Are the Government aware, Sir, that in the District Board Secondary Schools, though there are Hindi Pandits possessing the prescribed qualifications and having the necessary workload, they are not still put on the First Grade scale because the post is not created there?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: There is provision, Sir, for Second Grade Pandits also, and so long as there is the availability of Second Grade Pandits and there is provision for second grade pandits only, there is no need to create first grade posts.

SRI M. RAJAH IYER: May I point out, Sir, that the pandit is qualified for the first grade, and there is exclusive work in High School forms. Do not the Government think that it is fair that he is given the scale for which he is eligible?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Sir, the point is, whether there is necessarily need for the First Grade pandit for this teaching.

Central grant for Scholarships for study of Sanskrit

*162 Q.—SRI M. RAJAH IYER: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether any grant is given by the Government of India for the award of scholarships for proficiency in the study of Sanskrit to students in the Secondary Schools in this State; and

(b) if so, the number of scholarships and the amount awarded during 1964–65 ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) Yes.

(b) Thirty-nine scholarships amounting to Rs. 3,531 were utilised during the year 1964–65.

SRI M. RAJAH IYER : May I know, Sir, whether these scholarships will be continued year after year ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Yes, Sir.

Aided High Schools Accounts

* 163 Q.—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) the number of aided high schools for which accounts have not been audited for the year 1963–64 : and

(b) the reasons therefor ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) 383.

(b) Consequent on the introduction of free education with effect from 1st April 1964 teaching and compensation grants payable to all aided schools have been spread over three years. Accordingly one-third of the total number of schools has been audited during 1964–65. Another one-third will be audited during the current year.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Sir, are the Government aware of the hardship caused to the aided managements by this and will the Government see that all the schools are audited at least during the current year ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The Government have no such proposal.

SRI M. RAJAH IYER : If there is bound to be delay in the audit, will the Government liberalise the rules at least and make advance grants to the schools ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : If the hon. Member puts a separate question, I shall answer.

Gifts from foreign countries

* 164. Q.—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN and SRI MOHANLAL MEHTA : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether any communication has been received from the Government of India regarding 'gifts' from foreign countries recently ; and

(b) if so, what it is ?